GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to utilise maximum indigenous medicines in health care delivery system; and

(b) if so, the policy of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy are already providing health care, through six lakh registered practitioners, 2854 hospitals and 22,612 dispensaries. Ayurvedic and Unani medicines have been included in the Reproductive and Child Health programme. Speciality Clinics have been started in some modern hospitals.

The need for integrating ISM&H in the national health programmes and health care delivery systems has been considered in depth and a direction for mainstreaming the indigenous systems in areas where they are effective, has been given.